

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 38-40 as indicated among the following complete set of pending claims:

Claims 1-2. (Previously canceled)

Claim 3. (Previously amended) The structure of claim 36, wherein each second region comprises an arcuate cutout.

Claim 4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (Previously amended) The structure of claim 36, wherein:

the continuous piece of elongated metal tape has a plurality of first regions, a plurality of second regions, and a plurality of third regions; and

a distance between the barb points of said pair of barbs is the same as a distance between adjacent ones of said second regions of said tape.

Claims 6-8. (Previously canceled)

Claim 9. (Previously amended) The structure of claim 37, wherein a width of each of the flanges in each first region is greater than a width of each of the flanges in each second region, and wherein a width of each of the flanges in each third region is greater than a width of each of the flanges in each second region.

Claim 10-11. (Previously canceled)

Claim 12. (Previously amended) The structure of claim 37, wherein a width of each of the flanges in each second region is equal to a width of each of the flanges in each third region.

Claims 13-15 (Previously canceled)

Claim 16. (Previously amended) The structure of claim 37, wherein:

the continuous piece of elongated metal tape has a plurality of first regions, a plurality of second regions, and a plurality of third regions; and

a distance between the barb points of said pair of barbs is approximately the same as the distance between adjacent ones of said second regions of said tape.

Claims 17-30. (Previously canceled)

Claim 31. (Canceled)

Claim 32. (Canceled)

Claim 33. (Canceled)

Claim 34. (Canceled)

Claim 35. (Canceled)

Claim 36. (Previously added) A barrier structure comprising a continuous piece of elongated metal tape, said metal tape comprising:

- an elongate body defining a longitudinally extending channel and an elongate flange extending transversely from each side of said channel;

- barb roots spaced along said tape and secured to said flanges;

- a pair of tapered barbs secured to a barb root, said pair of tapered barbs extending in opposing longitudinal directions, and each of said tapered barbs forming a barb point;

- a first region of said elongate body adjacent to the barb root;

- a second region of said elongate body adjacent to the first region distal from the adjacent barb root;

- a third region of said elongate body adjacent to the second region distal from said first region, the third region extending lengthwise from the second region and meeting a corresponding third region extending lengthwise away from another second region;

wherein:

- a width of the flanges in the first region is greater than a width of the flanges in the second region, and wherein a width of the flanges in the third region is greater than the width of the flanges in the second region; and

- said channel does not receive a reinforcing wire.

Claim 37. (Previously amended) A barrier structure comprising a continuous piece of elongated metal tape, said metal tape comprising:

- an elongate body defining a longitudinally extending channel and an elongate flange extending transversely from each side of said channel;

- barb roots spaced along said tape and secured to said flanges;

- a pair of tapered barbs secured to a barb root, said pair of tapered barbs extending in opposing longitudinal directions, and each of said tapered barbs forming a barb point;

- a first region of said elongate body adjacent to the barb root;

- a second region of said elongate body adjacent to the first region distal from the adjacent barb root;

- a third region of said elongate body adjacent to the second region distal from said first region, the third region extending lengthwise from the second region and meeting a corresponding third region extending lengthwise away from another second region;

wherein:

- the second region extends inwardly from the first region to the third region;

- the width of the flanges in the first region is greater than the width of the flanges in each third region; and

- said channel describes an arc extending between the flanges, the arc extending less or equal to approximately 180°.

Claim 38. (Canceled)

Claim 39. (Canceled)

Claim 40. (Canceled)